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## A Rich Strike on the Klondike!

Not the Klondike of the frozen region but the Klondike of

## FLENTGE, JOHNSTON & Co.

It is the talk of the hour. We are happy to inform you that we have made a **RICH STRIKE**, not the coveted metal, but of the largest and most complete line of Dry Goods, Notions, Gents' and Ladies' Furnishing Goods Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Hats and Groceries, for Fall and Winter wear that ever crossed the Mississippi River.

Our buyers are always on guard watching the market for bargains, and through their foresight all our new stock was bought before the new tariff bill was passed, therefore our prices for the fall and winter season will remain as low as ever. Behold the prices for the season:

### Clothing for the Big, the Little, the Thick and



The Thin, the Long and the Short. We have clothing to fit all—see the prices and be convinced.

#### Men's Suits.

Never before have the people of Southeast Missouri had the opportunity of securing such bargains as we offer this fall. We have bared the market until we can give you values that you never expected to secure. Read the prices and come and see the goods—we will surprise you. A real serviceable twilled gold mixt suit, size 34 to 42 \$2.50. A real hummer, red brown cheviot suit, size 34 to 42 at \$3.00. One of our leaders in two patterns, size 34 to 42. \$4.00. Real wool suits, our great drive in 5 different patterns, nice dark grey, black worsted, cheviot in grey, brown plaid and very Treco, they are all worth \$7.00, our price. \$5.00.

Genuine Imported all wool Clay Worsted, in black and blue, both in round and square cut sacks, worth \$10, our price. \$7.50. Genuine Grand Army blue in states or middie blue hannel, square or round cut and changeable buttons, only \$7.50. Beautiful all wool brown plaid suits, worth \$10 at \$7.50. Beautiful all wool grey plaid suits, worth \$10 at \$7.50. A beautiful plaid worsted sold as special bargains by all our competitors at \$10, go at \$7.50. Talk about nice, good and nobby suits, but you will never believe it possible until you see the line of suits we are showing at \$10.00. In this line

we have all the latest novelties shown this season. Ted different styles and patterns. Call and see them—they are kitters for our would be competitors. At \$12 we show all the latest things in imported novelties both casimers and worsted. Call and be convinced.

#### Child's 2 piece suits.

A serviceable cheap suit, 6 to 10 years, at \$1.00. A real corker, former price \$1.50. 6 to 13 years, at \$1.00. Nice wool suits worth \$2, 6 to 13 years, at \$1.25. Good all wool, a real hummer, 6 to 14 years, at \$2.00. Something that makes friends, 6 to 14 years, at \$2.50.

Our line of 2 piece suits for children from \$2.50 to \$5.00 comprise all the new things and late novelties. See them.

#### Boys' 3 piece suits.

Coat, Vest and Pants; 12 to 18 years. In this line we are head-quarters for bargains. A real nice Sunday suit, part wool. \$2.50. See that line of suits we show at \$3.50 they are hummers. Do not fail to see that beautiful Clay Worsted suit in black for confirmation, it is a hummer, only \$7.00. Don't fail to see that beautiful line of Youth's suits at prices from \$4 to \$10.50, they are eye openers.

#### Over Coats.

Are we in it in this line? Well, well, read the prices and then come and see for yourself. 50 fine Beam Kersey overcoats in black, tan and brown color, would be cheap at \$8, our price \$5.00. A genuine imported kersey, strictly all wool, black, blue, brown and tan colors, our competitors price \$10.00, go at \$8.00. Long ulster coat, genuine cheviot, only \$3.00. A genuine Irish freeze ulster, extra good value, only \$10.00. To see those beauties that we show at \$10, \$12 and \$14, means to buy them. Call and see them.

#### Working coats.

Men's and Boy's every day working coats. We have them and at prices that are killers to our competitors. In duck lined with flannel, in jeans, cotton and wool and in reversible jeans one side and duck on the other. Call and examine them.

#### Working pants.

Odd Pants and Working Pants. We have some rare bargains in jeans and casimers pants. Genuine Humbolt jeans pants in brown and grey at \$1.50. A splendid all wool Hairline casimer at \$1.50. A real killer in nice stupid goods at \$2.00.

At \$2.50 we show some of the new novelties in plaids and striped casimers.

For 3.00, 3.50 and 4.00 dollars we give you the genuine Globe Mill Pants. They are corkers. O Call and see them.

#### Hat and Cap Dep't.

In this department in would be utterly impossible to quote you prices, but if you will call and examine our

line you will surely be convinced that we are leaders in this as well as every other department. We invite you for your own good.

#### Cloaks and Capes.

Have advanced 35 per cent since the new tariff bill went into effect. We bought ours before and have them all in at prices that will surprise all. Fine black cape nicely braided, satin faced only \$1.50. Fine black beaver cape nicely braided well worth \$3.50, our price \$2.50. Here is one for the old ladies, extra long black beaver 4 rows of braid, collar, all sizes worth \$5.00, our price \$3.00.



Noby plush cape fur-trimmed fur figure silk lining worth \$7.80, our price while they last \$3.95. Fine silk plush trimmed with Rocky Mountain goat fur, changeable silk lining, very swell, only \$7.85. This is the very finest—Best quality silk, velvet lined with the best quality of silk worth \$20.00, our price \$12.25. Childrens jackets, come and see them, all the way from \$1.75 to \$10.00.

#### A Stream of Newness.

The world of textiles is a tribute to our store. Will you enjoy these first showings for the season now upon us? Dress Goods, New Wraps, New Underwear for Gents, Ladies and Children. To-morrow will be a good chance for you to look around and see the display of fall and winter fashions.

#### New Dress Goods.

Busy times in Dress Goods now. Fall costumes are being bought. The new fabrics and styles in the many novel designs and colorings are receiving much attention.

#### See the List of Prices.

Pieces 3-4 half wool Alpaca. 7 1-2c. 3-4 wool novelties. 12 1-2c. 36 inch wool novelties 25c. worth 40c. 36 inch imported novelties 50c. 48 inch imported novelties 60c. worth \$1.00. 40 inch black novelties bought at the great fire sale worth 45c. our price. 25c. 40 inch extra fine Brocade Mohair, Ely Walker prices 90c. whole sale, our price. 75c.

#### Domestic Department.

We buy these direct from the mills. Our prices always please. Flannel Department. All wool red Twill. 13 1-2c. All wool red Twill better. 16 1-2c. All wool white Twill. 20c. White shaker Flannel. 4 1-2c. Ladies flannel skirt patterns. 45c. Humbolt jeans while it last at. 30c. Extra 9 oz. wool 5 yds. for. \$1.00.

#### Hosiery Department.

Childrens 12 1/2 black rib 5 to 8 1-2 3c. per pair. Extra quality heavy cotton 2x2 rib fast black 15 c. grade for. 10c. Children wool hose 5x5 heavy rib double knee. 15c. Ladies black bridle hose. 7c. Ladies heavy rib hose. 8 1-2c. The best bargain ever offered, extra fine black cotton hose bought direct from factory worth \$3.50 wholesale, our price. 25c. per pair. Mens rib top socks. 6c. Mens heavy wool socks worth 12 and 20c. go at. 10c. Mens natural wool rib top socks worth 25c. for. 15c. Come and see them.

#### Trunks, Valises,

Grips and Telescopes. Do you need anything in this line? If so we are agents for one of the best manufacturers in the west. Come and get our prices, they are surprisingly low.

#### Shoes.

This department is a store in itself. We have a real shoe store. CHILD'S SHOES—See those beautiful shoes for the babies. Nice black French kid, patent tip, size 1 to 5. 50c. Beautiful Oxblood, hand turned, size 1 to 5. 50c. A real beauty, black with fancy stitching, 1 to 5. 50c. Genuine hand turned, white silk stitching, size 5 to 8. \$1.00. Same as above, size 8 to 11. \$1.25. See our great line of MISSES' and BOYS' SHOES, they comprise all the best custom made goods for durability

to all the new novelties in spring heel and heel in greens, oxfords, tans and blacks with stock and patent tips. Ladies shoes in slip, oxfords, high cut shoes in lace and button—all the newest things in green, tan oxfords, purple and black, tipped and untipped in century, coin, opera and commonsense toes. To see and examine our line of shoes means that you will buy what you need in the shoe line of us.

MEN'S SHOES from the common plow shoe to best hand made. Call and examine our stock of Mens Shoes, Boots and Rubber Goods. You are sure to find what you want.

#### Underwear.

Ladies Mella Underwear cheaper than ever before. Come and see what a handsome line of it we can show you.

Ladies Knit Underwear. Ladies rib vests, long sleeves 15c. Fall weight, Egyptian cotton vests and pants. Vests have high neck and long sleeves. French finished neck, pearl buttons, worth one-third more than we ask, our price 25c. each. Slip drive in childrens underwear, pants and vests in natural grey and white only 15c. per garment. Childrens all wool scarlet 35c. per garment.

#### Handkerchiefs.

Bargains in this department. 50 doz. no two alike at 25c. on the dollar.

#### Umbrellas.

In this department we have a large variety to select from at prices from 45c to \$1.00.

#### Blankets.

Never before has there been so many blankets sold in the same length of time. 295 pair already disposed of. We have succeeded in getting another case of those 10-4 white blankets that we sold so cheap. You know the price. Come and get them.

#### Groceries.

We carry a complete line of groceries, queensware and glassware. Don't forget this department, it is a complete store in itself. We buy all kinds of farm products, such as chickens, wool, turkeys, geese, ducks, dried fruits, Mathers, tallow, rags, potatoes, butter, eggs, bacon and lard, in fact everything the farmer brings to town. Once more extending a cordial invitation to one and all and thanking our many friends for their liberal patronage and asking a continuation of the same.

Old Grange Store Stand,  
South end Main St.

CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO.

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AS IT WAS AND AS IT IS TO-DAY.

THE original "District of Cape Girardeau," under the Spaniards, was bounded north by La Riviere a la Poudre (which since the advent of English-speaking people has dropped in length and grandeur to plain Apple Creek), on the south by Tappan Bottom, east by the Mississippi River, and fronting said river about 30 miles; west indefinitely. This territory originally was occupied by the Shawnee and Delaware Indians, who had several towns within its limits. As one of the five original districts of the District of Louisiana, Cape Girardeau forms one of the earliest settlements of Missouri, dating as far back as 1793. The name Girardeau is supposed to be derived from that of Ensign Siewo Girardot, who from 1704 to 1720 was stationed with the royal troops of France at Kaskaskia, and after resigning his position with the army became a successful trader with the Indians in this section. But Girardot was a trader and not a settler, and in 1793 a French-Canadian, Don Louis Lorimer, to whom the honor of making the first permanent settlement is due, Lorimer arrived in St. Genevieve about 1787, and moved to Cape Girardeau in 1793, where he afterwards was commander of the Cape Girardeau Post. About 1795 Spain thought it was advisable to populate Louisiana as a barrier to the English. Under the inducements offered, people from North Carolina, Virginia, Kentucky and other States came to Upper

Louisiana in large numbers. Of these the great majority located in Cape Girardeau District, which soon became the most populous section in the whole province. This was the first purely American settlement west of the Mississippi River. In 1799 the population of the district numbered 416 whites and 105 slaves. During the same year there were produced 510 bushels of wheat and 10,000 bushels of corn.

In 1813 Cape Girardeau District was succeeded by Cape Girardeau County, and a new seat of justice was established, which still remains the county seat. This town was laid off in 1815, and named Jackson, in honor of "Old Hickory," who had just achieved his famous victory at New Orleans. Cape Girardeau, lying to the east of Bollinger, and between Stoddard and Scott counties on the south, and Perry County on the north, is one of the river counties of Southeast Missouri. A prevalent idea of this county is that a great part of it is swampy and, therefore, unfit for agricultural purposes. This impression is gained no doubt from the view travelers get from the railroad car window, but it should be remembered that railroads, to avoid grading, seek the lowest levels for their lines. This idea would be readily dispelled could those people take a drive over the county's 50 miles of graveled roads, which are kept in perfect condition. The finest road in the State is that from Cape Girardeau to Jackson. This and the Scott County road are kept in condition by the toll system. The others are free and all paid for. There is scarcely any land in the county that is not susceptible of being tilled. The most of it is of a rolling character

and the remainder is almost perfectly level.

Lands in this county are cheap, and emigration investors and manufacturers are encouraged. In addition to the advantages as an agricultural and fruit country there are in the county thousands of acres of heavy timber. From facts and figures gathered from millers, farmers and dealers, it is estimated that the county produces annually 3,000,000 bushels of wheat, 2,000,000 bushels of corn, 1,000,000 bushels of oats, 25,000 tons of hay, 6,000 bushels of clover seed, 50,000 bushels of apples and large quantities of peaches and other fruits. There are beds of the finest fire clay and many quarries of lime and other stone, some of which are being extensively worked. Cape Girardeau, however, is distinctly an agricultural county, and for this section of the State, which has been so little developed, a populous one.

Besides the transportation facilities offered by the river there are 80 miles of railroad in the county. The St. Louis, Cape Girardeau and Fort Smith road, better known as the Hook line, runs from Cape Girardeau southwest through the county a distance of 23 miles. The Belmont branch of the Iron Mountain system runs across the southwest corner of the county and has a branch to Jackson, near the center, a total of 40 miles. The Cotton Belt line also penetrates the southern portion of the county for ten miles.

Cape Girardeau is now a city of 7,000 population. She has splendid shipping facilities, both by rail and river, good, substantial business houses, 25 miles of graded, macadamized and granite streets, good sidewalks; a larger number of comfortable brick residences than any town of its size in the State; splendid churches and societies, magnificent schools and colleges, street car system, water works and electric lights; large manufacturing plants, wholesale and retail

mercantile establishments with large capital and a splendid trade; good sound banks and a prosperous Building and Loan Association.

While this is true Cape Girardeau was burdened; is yet burdened by that "night mare" foggyism or conservatism.

#### CITY "FINANCE."

The city has a first-class paid fire department, which is divided into four divisions, one in each ward, each division having a hose cart and 600 feet of hose. The active members are the chief, assistant chief, two hose directors and ten members. They drill regularly and do some fine work.

The total assessable wealth of the city for 1895 is of real estate, \$717,030; personal, \$194,980; total, \$912,010. The total rate of taxation for all purposes is \$1.50 on the \$100 valuation. This seems high, but it is not so high when it is considered that the real estimated wealth of the city is in real estate \$2,100,000; personal \$305,000; total \$2,405,000.

In 1896 there was a total of 10 per cent increase in the assessable wealth of the city, showing how marked the improvement, in the face of Presidential elections, Panics and Strikes, the City's Finance is in splendid condition. By a close and economical administration of the City Fathers, there is now a good balance in the City Treasury amounting to nearly \$6000.

#### CITY OFFICERS.

William H. Coerver, Mayor; Ben E. Davis, Attorney; Rudolph Babin, Police Judge; John A. Weber, Marshal; Christian Hirsch, Collector; William H. Miller, Assessor; Nicholas Wicherich, Treasurer; Geo. E. Chappell, City Clerk; Jno. E. Schwegler, Auditor; Walter S. Albert, Port Warden; Fred. Brunko, Street Commissioner; Valentine Fischer, Sexton; Jas. B. Nesmith, City Engineer.

#### CITY STREETS.

The streets of Cape Girardeau are often severely criticised by visitors to Cape City. But these criticisms are too frequently premature. Some of the streets of this city are models of cleanliness, health and beauty, the paving being of the most improved kind.

The most prosperous and the most economically managed railroads are those having the smoothest and most substantial roadbeds. The most prosperous and the most economically managed cities are those having the smoothest, cleanest, most sanitary and most easily repaired thoroughfares. The day is past for a progressive city to tolerate poor pavements.

Cape Girardeau is far ahead in the matter of streets. She, in this regard, has many advantages over larger cities where costly experiments have been made with various materials. Macadam is cut to pieces under ordinary traffic, is always either muddy or dusty, is very unsanitary, and of all roadways is the most expensive to keep in thorough repair. The question of wooden blocks making a pavement is no longer debatable. Eight miles of wooden block pavements have fully demonstrated the fact that wood is neither sanitary nor durable as a paving material, and the experiments in this material have proved excessively costly to the taxpayers. The best paved city in the United States to-day is Buffalo, N. Y. Buffalo has 200 miles of asphalt streets. Ten years ago paving was done in New York City in the proportion of thirty miles of granite blocks to miles of asphalt. In 1896 New York City laid thirty miles of asphalt to two miles of granite, and in 1897 every street-paving contract in New York City calls for asphalt. Fifth avenue, the finest residence street in America, will be covered with an asphalt pavement before snow flies, and Broadway, the street carrying the heaviest traffic of

any street in New York, will also be paved with asphalt before another year.

Cape Girardeau should now turn her attention to side walks, and make them conform to her splendid streets.

The low death rate of Cape Girardeau, and the healthful conditions of every section of the city is undoubtedly due in large measure to the clean streets.

#### CHURCHES.

There are nine brick churches in Cape Girardeau, nearly all of which are handsomely furnished, and the church attendance is unusually large for a town of this size.

#### SCHOOLS.

Cape Girardeau is blessed with good schools. The State Normal, St. Vincent's College and St. Vincent's Young Ladies Academy are among the best schools in the State.

#### TRADE REVIEW.

##### PAINT WORKS.

THE Matteson Paint Company, J. A. Matteson, president, own and operate two paint mills here which have a capacity of 3,500 tons per annum and employ 35 men. They manufacture wood filling, yellow ochre, painting materials, kalsomine, venetian red and maroon dust and a ready sale for all their products.

The Matteson Co. are large jobbers and make heavy shipments, their product finds a ready market in the East and West. This is one of Cape Girardeau's largest industries.

##### WOOL AND HIRSE.

CAPE GIRARDEAU holds high rank as a shipper of this class of merchandise. The trade is in a healthy condition and shipments continue large. Prices paid here are as high as goods warrant and ready sales can always be had

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